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THE TIMES-DISPATCH and Breakfast
are served together with unfailing
regularity in the Best Homes of Richmond.
Is your morning program complete?

Welcoming Our New Citizens
RICHMOND gains 20,000 population, per-
haps more, at noon to-day. At any rate,
a very large number of agreeable and pleasant
folks emerge from the condition of mere
countryside to the more substantial privileges,
honors and emoluments of Richmond citizenship,
and, at the same time, a very large
area of country comes under the city's direction
and control.

That is a stupid and ignoble ideal which
estimates a city's value and importance in
terms of mere size, but size and population
have their consequence just the same. Rich-
mond is congested, and it required a larger
area, and, of course, it always needs as many
new citizens of the right sort as it can obtain.
To-day at noon enlarged area and new citizens
will be supplied.

Rescuing the Wallflowers.

BALTIMORE society this season is to be
treated to an innovation. At one, at
least, of the dances to be given in honor of
the debutantes the hostess will provide what
are known as "ushers," being, in fact, dancing
men, whose duty it will be to see that
none of the girls present shall be humiliated
by playing the part of wallflowers.

Perhaps it is all right, but it will deprive
the debutante whose charms are confessed and
indubitable of one of her sweetest joys—the
right of choice among an abundance of part-
ners—while her less favored sisters cling to
the chaperons and the mural decorations.
The girls who were bound to be popular will
not like the new system, and it may be
doubted if those of less radiant beauty will
enjoy or appreciate attentions which are ren-
dered in the discharge of a social duty.

Gifts That Pass in the Night

ARRESTED at 2 o'clock of an autumn
morning on the charge of driving a
stolen motor car, a young lady, described as
"an attractive blonde," was vastly indignant,
as attractive blondes are probably apt to be
at that hour in New York. Her indignation
was due to the fact that the car had been
presented to her. She had accidentally be-
come acquainted with the donor on the street
some hours earlier. He had said to her:
"Take a spin in the auto. If you like the
car, keep it." And, as becomes true gen-
erosity, he disappeared into the night, leaving
the attractive blonde to enjoy her "spin" in
maiden meditation fancy free.

But the unfeeling police arrested her, none
the less, and even caused the attractive
blondeness to irradiate a prison cell. Their
claim was that the car did, in unattractive
fact, belong to one who even in these dark
days bears the reassuring name of Adolph J.
Seasongood.

Here is presented a pretty problem for the
theorist. Did the attractive blonde stop
forth into the night, see a defenseless auto-
mobile and elope with it? Chivalry demands
a stout denial of such an "hypothesis." Was
it not rather that some appropriator of other
people's motor cars appropriated that of Mr.
Seasongood, and then, seeing the unauto-
mobile condition of the attractive blonde
and moved by one of those generous im-
pulses, which, we are told, are not wanting
even in the unregenerate, did, as she claims,
bid her try the car, and if it suited her taste
or complexion, keep it? Would not innocence
accept the offer, rather than give pain to a
kind heart by a refusal? Surely.

Still, it is within the bounds of possibility
that the trusting and attractive blonde will
be found guilty of grand larceny, and spend
a term in seclusion and in grief over the
duplicity of men who make gifts of automob-
iles in the night.

Forming American Opinion

IN RESPONSE to a suggestion that the
British embassy in the United States organ-
ize a press bureau to influence American
opinion as to the origin and merits of the
present conflict, along the lines of the organ-
ization maintained by German Ambassador
von Bernstorff, King George's representative
replied that it was unnecessary, inasmuch as
Americans were able to draw their own con-
clusions from the available official documents
without any special pleading.

This is very good strategy, and none the
less good because other tactics would prob-
ably be used were the predominant Ameri-
can attitude different from what it is. A
good deal of resentment is felt against the
German ambassador because, in a way, he
interferes in American domestic concerns
when he attempts to use his official position
to influence American opinion, and interference
in domestic matters is held to be the
worst crime of which a foreign envoy can be
guilty.

Nor has the effect of the presence in this
country of Dr. Dernburg been particularly
happy on the cause he would sustain. This
eminent German came among us on the ostensi-
ble, but rather hazy, errand of promoting
German Red Cross work, and has spent a
large part of his time, if not most of it, in
presenting defenses of German policies and
ambitions to the American people. What-
ever the German idea of American culture
may be, Americans themselves do not feel

any need of schoolmaster instruction as to
what they are to think of the war and its
causes, and so the special envoy-schoolmaster
has not found his outgivings welcomed with
any noticeable enthusiasm.

As a noted professor of psychology, Pro-
fessor Munsterberg demonstrated that, how-
ever successful he may be in the laboratory,
his knowledge of the workings of men's
minds failed lamentably when he tried to use
that knowledge to further the Kaiser's cause.
Else he would not have expected to achieve
his aim through a book which is instinct with
a peculiarly Teutonic arrogance.

The war has disclosed that the tactics of
German diplomacy are curiously futile, as
much in the failure to influence American
opinion as in holding Italy in the triple
alliance or in keeping England neutral.

Democracy's Outlook Bright

THERE is reason for Democratic congrat-
ulation that, despite the practical disap-
pearance of the Progressive party in the con-
gressional elections of Tuesday, and despite
Republican unification under stand pat, reac-
tionary, tory leadership, the Democracy has
retained its hold on the House and strength-
ened its hold on the Senate.

What inroads the Republicans have made
on the Democratic strength have been under
the old chiefs and the old party shib-
boleths. The G. O. P. has gone back to its
ideals—it is more reactionary to-day than it
was three years ago, and the supposed Pro-
gressives who shouted with Roosevelt and
"stood at Armageddon to battle for the Lord"
are in the ranks once more.

The Roosevelt influence seemingly has dis-
appeared. Wherever he took a part in the
campaign his candidate has been ignomin-
iously defeated, and the candidate he criti-
cized and abused overwhelmingly elected.
Whitman, in New York, and Penrose, in Penn-
sylvania, were the special objects of his
sympathy; they have ridden into office as well
on his rhetorical blasts as on the Republican
wave.

The reduction of Democratic strength in the
House of Representatives was expected and
inevitable, although it is unfortunate that the
majority should have been reduced so close
to the danger point. At any rate, under the
assault of a united enemy, the Democracy has
held the fort.

Long before the campaign of 1916 begins
the laws passed by this Congress will have
proved their beneficent influence, and the busi-
ness depression that has resulted from the
European war will have disappeared. In the
meantime, there is no solid occasion for
Democratic disappointment. The hand of the
President will be upheld. The party, despite
its losses, is in excellent condition to meet the
common enemy and to carry to completion
the Wilson program of progressive legislation.
That is a duty it owes, and is able to pay, to
the country and to itself.

A Ray of Sunlight

BEFORE the real thing came upon the
world "business" was described with a
host of adjectives borrowed from war. Busi-
ness was "merciless," "deadly," "cruel," and
so on, to the exhaustion of the dictionary.
But commerce is, in fact, a bridge of common
interest, if not of friendship, between nations,
and if governments were controlled by busi-
ness men, who shall say that wars would not
cease, and who shall say that the present
war has not been delayed by the gentlemen
who understand the meaning of profit and loss?

We have a case in point in the solution of
the foreign exchange problem arrived at by
Sir George Paish and the Federal Reserve
Board. England sends to us a clear-minded
man of business, who confers with his like
over here. Both sides want to ease the heavy
burdens under which international commerce
labors in time of war. We did not want to
export gold, and the English were aware that
our commodities were as good to them as
bars of the yellow metal. Men of this sort
see eye to eye; there is no talk between them
of pride, or dynasties, or ultimatums. They
have a problem to solve, and go about solving
it with the knowledge that commerce is a
matter of give and take.

So the solution has been found, amicably
and without fuss or bluster. Export of gold
abroad to pay American obligations is to be
deferred for sixty or ninety days, in which
period the balance of trade will have turned
in our favor, and we will have paid in goods,
instead of in gold. England will have what
it needs, and we will keep our bullion.

The South is particularly interested in the
knowledge that the "goods" will be largely
in the form of cotton for the English spindles,
and the whole country can take heart from
the fact that, with the cotton situation sub-
stantially relieved, and with rapidly increas-
ing foreign orders for military and other sup-
plies, the handicap on American business
caused by the war will be greatly lightened.

All this has been brought about by men of
business, who carry fountain pens in place
of swords, and are possessed of a desire to
promote peaceful trade between nations, in-
stead of bloody war.

Fire Prevention Days

MAYOR AINSLIE'S appeal to the people of
Richmond to observe the four days, be-
ginning next Monday, as fire prevention days
deserves generous and enthusiastic response.
The purpose is to remove from all premises
rubbish and other waste material likely to
contribute to the cause or spread of fires, and
the Mayor urges that every household make
this a matter of conscience within the four-
day period.

The Street Cleaning Department will attend
to the removal of this rubbish, in accordance
with the announcement made in The Times-
Dispatch this morning. All that house-
holders are asked to do is to see that attics
and cellars are cleaned out, and that furnaces,
ranges, stoves and flues receive proper atten-
tion.

This country's annual fire loss is an Ameri-
can scandal, so largely is it due to gross
carelessness. It is reflected in the pre-
mium charges for fire insurance, in which
the careful and provident man pays for the
sins of the careless and improvident.

The Mayor wants to call attention to this
situation, and to direct the public mind to its
betterment.

If the Russians took Vienna, Francis
Joseph's official press bureau would probably
report that the Austrians had been success-
ful all along the line.

Holland is getting enough plain and fancy
neutrality to last the average nation for a
lifetime.

The German Crown Prince has been killed
so often that he seems to be acquiring the
habit.

Probably it isn't the Pan-Germans who
believe in panning the Kaiser.

SONGS AND SAWS

Where is T. R.?
The pendulum of politics
Most curiously doth oscillate
And play some quaint, amusing tricks,
That folks would scarce anticipate.

Here's Uncle Joseph back again,
As bold and bad as he can be,
And Penrose—Penrose of all men—
Back to the Senate marcheth he.

The voters of the Quaker State
Refused to take T. R.'s advice,
But swatted T. R.'s candidate
In divers ways that were not nice.

In fact, the voters everywhere
Refused to heed the Colonel's call,
And that Bull Moose, who once caused fear,
Hath fled to seek the timbers tall.

Standing Pat.
She: Well, do you intend
to give a real explanation of
where you were last night?
He: I have explained. I
have furnished a perfectly
credible account of my move-
ments for the whole evening.
She: It was impossible for
me to believe what you said.
He: I can't help that, my
dear. Anybody ought to be able to believe that
story, and anyhow I am not going to tax my
brain with the obligation to invent another.

Franchise Values.
"So far as I can figure out by the use of the
street car company's own statements," said the
Prominent Citizen, "the franchises it proposes
to surrender to the city are worth about \$700,000.
On that basis the franchise it asks are worth
between nine and eleven billions."

The Peasimist Says:
Why should I be pleased with the weather?
Last week I put on flannels and now I feel as
though I were suffering from prickly heat.

Mexican Joke.
This eliminating Villa
Is a stunt I put on Huerta tried,
It is tough to have to laugh so
When both our lips are chapped.

Yes, eliminating Villa
Is a stunt I put on Huerta tried,
And now Vic sips his brandy,
On old ocean's other side.

THE TATTLEB.

Chats With Virginia Editors

With cold, calculating, relentless logic, the
Newport News Daily Press analyzes the allega-
tion of the Chase City Progress that "all the
people of the county want the Boynton dispen-
sary closed," then asks: "But if all the people
in the county are opposed to the dispensary, to
whom does the dispensary sell its liquor?" Pos-
sibly the folks out Boynton may realize that the
dispensary is patronized not wisely but too
well.

We find a specimen of our absolutely pure and
perfectly harmless, airy persiflage quoted in a
column just inaugurated by the Newport News
Press with this comment appended: "Pretty bright young
fellow. We have weighed that joke in the jester's
balance, and it is not found wanting." The caption of
that column excites our suspicion. It is "Clam Silen-
tude." It suggests "Silent
Speech With the Clams" and we like. We as-
sume to object for ourselves and our country-
men, who are likewise quoted under that ob-
noxious headline. If the suggestion of clams
must be retained, then we suggest a change in
the caption to "Gathering Up the Shells by the
Seashore."

The editor of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, who
has no music in his soul, bitterly comments:
"The Boston man who claims to have discov-
ered a way to play the cornet for 25 cents
overlooks or ignores the cost to the neighbors."
If the Boston man can make good
his claim, he is a public benefactor. The fel-
low who can play the cornet distresses nobody;
it is the man who thinks he can play and is
alone in his thought whose horn blasts his
neighbors' happiness.

"Various reasons based upon utterly insincere
pretense and doubtless be assigned by Constani-
tine as justification for her participation in
the European hostilities," is the subtle way
the Lynchburg News prefers to substantially
stating that Turkey is acting as if stuffed with
prunes.

Viewing the situation with a critical eye, the
Fredericksburg Journal pronounces judgment:
"Turkey's fate is sealed if she actually enters
the war. Her fleet can not enter the Mediter-
ranean." Appearances are certainly against
Turkey. Once trussed, as the Journal's military
expert sees her, all the sand in her craw will
avail her naught. In fancy, we can see the
muzzling already on the horizon, and the allies
to the east, calling to Allah, and the allies
sharpening their blades for a Thanksgiving
spread.

While the Winchester Star and the Abingdon
Virginian continue to whoop the "buy a barrel
of apples" slogan, their editors are giving ear
to the voice in the November winds, which prompts
"Buy a winter overcoat." Buy a suit of flannels.

Current Editorial Comment

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New York Sun.

The progressive "slump" in his
own State hardly less signifi-
cant of the Roosevelt eclipse than
is the waning of progressive
strength in other parts of the
country. In spots it has cut
enough of a figure to contribute to the defeat
of a Republican nominee, but as a party the
"Bull Moose" need no longer be reckoned with.
It is certain of only one seat in the national
House of Representatives. The present repre-
sentative of the Fifth District of California, a
Progressive, was able to obtain re-election at
the hands of Republicans and Democrats of his
district and had no opposition at the polls.—New
York Herald.

Mr. Wilson has not altogether
escaped the penalty of success,
which the country so often visits
upon a President in the second
year of his term. Even though
he has shown and maintained
his mastery over a fractious
congress and has shaped its action to his will, even though he has
in less than two years carried through a pro-
gram of legislation unequalled in variety, scope
and importance in the record of any other Presi-
dent's complete term, even though he has won

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and deserved the gratitude of the country for
keeping us out of the war with Mexico at this
most critical time in the election held yesterday,
even though Congress has been avoided, the ver-
dict is not favorable to him or to his party. The
appeal for a vote of confidence in the adminis-
tration was made at a time when the country is
in the midst of serious industrial depression and
when the disunion which divided the opposi-
tion party in 1912 has substantially disappeared.
These are the conspicuous and sufficient reasons
for Democratic reverses. The Progressive party
has practically disappeared. Although its vote
here and there may be considerable, it may be
fairly said that as a political force it is dying
out. That is one of the compensations for defeat
in which patriotic Democrats of a conservative
turn of mind may take comfort.—New York
Times.

Declines
To Write
Obituary.
Three times has the World
written the political obituary of
Theodore Roosevelt. This time
we shall say nothing at all of
the dead. It looks as if he had
been safely tucked away by that
genial and popular undertaker, Charles S. Whit-
man, ably assisted by Sexton Sulzer, but you
never know. This may be the final
funeral. If it is, we are ready to testify at the
inquest that the deceased died with his boots
on.—New York World.

War News Fifty Years Ago

(From the Richmond Dispatch, Nov. 5, 1864.)

It may be said that there was yesterday no
news from anywhere, none from Petersburg,
none from the Valley, none from Georgia, none
from North Carolina, but the air was full of
rumors, none of which were confirmed either
in the War Department or the telegraph office.
There was some disjunctive rumor from the
north side of the James night before last and
yesterday, but there was no general engage-
ment, and little or no damage of any kind done,
rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

The reported defeat of General Vaughan in
East Tennessee has not been confirmed. The
War Department has absolutely no information
on the subject.

It is urged that Atlanta has been evacuated
by the Federals. It is known that Sherman
still has 17,000 troops in that city.

Colonel Baker, in command of a small Con-
federate force has evacuated Plymouth, N. C., and
the Federals are now in possession. Colonel
Baker brought off all of his artillery and sup-
plies.

Northern reports say Hood in attempting to
cross the Tennessee River at Decatur, Ala., was
repulsed and lost several pieces of his artillery.
No news of this has been received in Richmond,
and the report is not believed.

Federal troops, having under orders
from Washington, arrested a number of citizens
of Alexandria and sent them out of the city on
the trains of the Orange and Alexandria and
Manassas Gap Railroads "in order to secure their
safety against guerrilla attack." Among those
so arrested were John Dainingerfeld, Edward
Snowden, Dr. J. B. Johnson, Dr. F. B. Robertson,
Arthur Taylor, James A. English, Rev. C. C.
Bittling, Dr. D. M. French, J. W. Stewart and
James M. Smith.

General Forrest has sunk another Federal
steamer on the Tennessee River loaded with
clothing and other supplies for the Federal
army.

Gold over the North prices on all commodities
have advanced greatly, the gold market being
tight. Gold has jumped in New York from
220 to 225, and all kinds of things have advanced
accordingly.

The Voice of the People

Letters to the Editor should not be over
250 words in length, the name and ad-
dress of the writer must accompany each
communication, not necessarily for publica-
tion, but as an evidence of good faith. Write
on one side of the paper, and inclose stamps
for return of the manuscript. Partisan
letters concerning the European war will not
be published.

Suffrage and the Sex Millennium

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir—I am a working woman, having worked
for years in Richmond and in the larger cities
further North. During those years I have seen
at close range the working man, and not find-
ing that the ballot or labor organizations have
rendered his situation ideal, I am somewhat
skeptical as to their efficacy in the case of the
working woman.

The question of wages, indeed, is decided not
by law, but by the market. For isolated work-
ers—a woman in a magazine or news-
paper story—a woman is paid quite as much
as a man. In salaried positions, however, where
sex and kindred limitations are felt, she usually
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comes complex to be briefly stated, a certain ex-
planation and easily understood. So just are
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